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The Reply Brief filed September 8, 2006 has been entered and considered. After careful review, further consideration was not deemed necessary because the appellants' did not present any significant arguments that which had not been previously presented in the Appeal Brief filed April 2, 2006. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. No further action is necessary regarding this response.

  
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**Response to Reply Brief**

1. The Reply Brief filed September 8, 2006 has been entered and considered. After careful review, further consideration was not deemed necessary because the appellants' did not present any significant arguments that which had not been previously presented in the Appeal Brief filed April 27, 2006. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. No further action is necessary regarding this response.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Y. Won whose telephone number is 571-272-3993. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Michael Won

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Won", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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